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1. a. There was an airfield on the northern edge of BAKU ($49^{\circ}35' E / 40^{\circ}37' N$) near the Montina suburb. It was bordered by a road on the south, a railroad line on the west, and a cement plant on the east. The field had a firm earth runway.
- b. The following installations were available at the field: Three hangars, about 100x230 feet (steel construction with arched roof), a two-story administration building, some cantonment buildings and sheds, boundary and obstacle lights, the latter mounted on chimneys of the cement plant.
2. Single-seat and two-place single-engine fighters took off from and landed at the field every day. There were two types of aircraft:
 - a. Low-wing monoplane, radial engine, two-place design, single rudder assembly, two-bladed propeller, cockpit almost between wings, fast long take-off ground run.
 - b. Low-wing monoplane, in-line engine, single rudder assembly, single-seat and two-place versions, cockpit immediately aft of wings, retractable landing gear.
3. These aircraft were frequently seen towing air sleeves over the sea. The air sleeves were fired at with live tracer ammunition. These exercises were held at day and night.

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Comment:

- a. The field mentioned in the report probably is the BAKU-KISHLY airfield, an assumption which is supported by the vicinity of the Montina suburb and the numerical designation of the PW camp nearby. The data on the occupation of the field confirmed previous information.

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b. A fighter pilot school equipped with trainers of type Yak-11 and Yak-7b is still assumed to be located at the field. The expressly mentioned training in night flying including night firing practices, which deserve attention, confirmed previous information.

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